

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas F. Brennan (Reg. No. 35,075) on March 17, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- **Claim 5**, line 1: replaced "claim 2" with --claim 1--
- **Claim 9**, line 1: replaced "claim 2" with --claim 1--
- **Claim 19**, line 1: replaced "claim 12" with --claim 11--

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 19-21, 24, 25, 27, and 28 are allowed.

An examiner's statement of reasons for allowance appears in Office communication mailed February 12, 2008.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arpan P. Savla whose telephone number is (571)272-1077. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sanjiv Shah can be reached on (571) 272-4098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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